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TRACE ENGINEERING RELEASES THE "SUN TIE" INVERTER

Product Release Press at the American Solar Energy Society's Solar 2000 Conference

MADISON, Wisconsin (June 14, 2000) – Trace Engineering will be holding a press briefing to introduce its new Sun Tie Series utility interactive, solar electric inverter at the **Solar 2000 Conference at the Monona Terrace Convention Center in Madison, Wisconsin**. The briefing will be on **Monday, June 19 at 2:30 p.m. in the Hall of Ideas, Room J**. Please contact Pam Carlson at 360-435-8826 or at pcarlson@traceengineering.com if you would like a press kit but are unable to attend. The briefing is also open to Trace Distributors and other interested parties.

Made with environment-friendly consumers in mind, the ST is the ideal way for “green” consumers either to sell their solar electricity to a green power company or to reduce their monthly electrical bills by using the solar power they generate and then (through a net metering program) sending any excess electricity they generate to the grid for use by themselves or other customers.

Since 1984, thousands of homes and businesses worldwide have relied on Trace inverters to convert renewable energy into reliable utility quality power. Trace Engineering (Arlington, WA) and sister company Trace Technologies (Livermore, CA), are two operating units of Xantrex Technology Inc. of Burnaby, British Columbia. Xantrex Technology Inc. is the world's leading supplier of power electronics and controls technology for commercial, residential, recreational, as well as distributed and renewable energy markets. Power electronics are used to supply, control and distribute electrical power to electronic equipment.